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In re application of

Kahoru TSUJIMOTO et al.

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ANTI-MICROBIAL STERILIZER AND
REFRIGERATOR HAVING IT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims ~~3, 4, 7, 10~~ and ~~13~~ as follows.

A' 3. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 1, wherein said capsule is thermally double-sealed at both ends thereof.

4. (Amended) The sterilizer apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said base ingredient of said anti-microbial material is doped with a low-temperature thermoset substance for increasing a viscosity.